

CURRENT EVENTS.

The House Committee on Indian Affairs have agreed upon the terms of a bill to provide for the punishment of crimes upon the Indian reservations. It provides that the laws of the States and Territories in which are located the reservations, relating to the crimes of murder, manslaughter, arson, rape, burglary and robbery shall be deemed and taken to be law, and in force within such reservation, and United States District and Territorial Courts within and for the respective States and Territories in which the reservations are located shall have original jurisdiction over all such offenses which may be committed within such reservations. In respect to all that portion of the Indian Territory not set apart and occupied by Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw and Seminole tribes, the provisions of the laws of the State of Kansas relating to the crimes mentioned shall be deemed and taken to be law and in force therein, and the United States District Court for the Western District of Kansas, at Fort Scott, shall have exclusive original jurisdiction over all such offenses arising in said portion of the Indian Territory.

Sir Stafford Northcote, in the House of Commons, denied that the Government had been dilatory in its efforts to prevent a famine in Ireland. He detailed the relief measures taken, and expressed confidence that they would be found sufficient.

Parnell and Dillon (one or both) will speak in Dubuque and Clinton, Iowa, February 28; Des Moines, March 1; Peoria and Bloomington, Ill., March 2; Springfield and Joliet, March 3; St. Louis, March 4. Further Western appointments will be made later.

Jack and Sowerwick, who accompanied Gen. Adams from Washington to Los Pinos, have gone to Grand River to endeavor to effect the surrender of the prisoners demanded. Orders have been sent out by Chief Sapavany to all the different bands to rendezvous near the Agency, and a grand pow-wow is anticipated. Douglass has not been to the Agency since he made his demand for rations on the 17th ult. and was refused.

The Theater Royal, Dublin, was completely destroyed by fire on the 9th, by which six lives were lost. The fire was caused by the ignition of the curtains of the state-box of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, who were to have attended a pantomime performance in the afternoon. The property loss is placed at nearly \$1,000,000.

Representative Port of Illinois has introduced a bill to place on the free list all soda-ash and impure carbonate of soda imported to be used in the manufacture of paper, or glass, or of cloths or fabrics composed wholly or in part of wool, and to reduce the import duty on printing paper used for books, pamphlets, magazines, and newspapers.

The Iowa House of Representatives, by a vote of 57 to 31, has adopted a resolution for submitting a constitutional amendment to the people making women eligible to the Legislature.

On Feb. 9 the last spike necessary to complete the branch of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad to Santa Fe was driven by Gov. Wallace of New Mexico. Gen. Hatch and staff, the members of the Legislature and other notables attended. There was much rejoicing at Santa Fe.

It is announced in the New York Times, "upon the authority of a near personal and political friend of Gen. Grant," that the latter "is not now, nor has he ever been, a candidate for the Presidential nomination; but should the Republican National Convention nominate him in the same manner as any other candidate would be nominated, he would deem it his duty to the country and party to accept."

The deficiencies in the annual appropriations for the various departments of the Government for which deficiency appropriation bills are asked, aggregate \$5,779,536, and include the following as principal items: For the Star Service of the Post-office Department, \$2,000,000; for payment of claims certified to by the Treasury Department, \$804,561; deficiency in estimates included in the regular annual letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, \$1,108,237.73; deficiency in public printing, \$450,000; deficiency in the appropriation for the expenses of the United States Courts, \$395,000; estimates from the Secretary of the Treasury for amounts refunded in customs cases, \$200,000; deficiency in the Postal Service, \$807,218; Indian Service, \$135,000; Railway Mail Service, \$55,000.

The House Committee on Public Lands have agreed to make favorable reports to the House upon Mr. Ryan's bill, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to certify school lands to the State of Kansas; and upon Mr. Davis's bill, to declare forfeited to the United States lands granted to the State of Missouri in aid of the construction and extension of the Iron Mountain Railroad.

tions have decided to frame a general deficiency bill to cover several deficiencies in various departments of the Indian Service which appear most urgently to demand attention.

The Senate, by a strict party vote, has rejected all nominations of Census Supervisors for the eight census districts of Ohio. Senator Pendleton, Chairman of the Census Committee, who reported the Ohio nominations adversely, explained that the adverse report had no reference to the personal character of the nominees, but was based solely upon the ground that the President, in nominating eight Republicans, and not a single Democrat, has violated the spirit of the Census law, and imposed the plainest understanding of both parties of Congress when the bill passed, that the Supervisors as well as Enumerators should be appointed irrespective of party affiliations.

The St. Louis Merchants' Exchange are raising a fund to purchase a shipload of food and other supplies for the destitute in Ireland.

Representative Backner of Missouri has introduced a bill for the reduction of duty on paper, which is a little more comprehensive than that of Mr. Port, inasmuch as it includes paper sized and unsized.

The German Reichstag was opened on the 12th. Count von Stollberg-Wernigerode read the Emperor's speech. It states that the relations of the Government with all foreign powers are peaceful and friendly, and that confidence is felt in the maintenance of peace through the labors of the Berlin Congress, which has been upheld and the stipulations of the treaty of Berlin executed in nearly all their points. The principal measures for legislation announced in the speech are: A bill for establishing a proclamation warning all persons against an unauthorized and illegal invasion of the Indian Territory.

The House Committee of Ways and Means have decided to report in favor of a refunding bond at 3 1/2 per cent. interest, to run from 20 to 40 years. They are to be used in funding five and sixes, the aggregate amount of which now outstanding is about \$500,000,000. The committee decided also to recommend that authority be given to the Secretary of the Treasury to issue \$200,000,000 four per cent. treasury notes, redeemable at pleasure, to assist in the reduction of the annual interest burden.

The Select Committee of the House upon the Alcoholic Liquor Traffic have instructed Representative Brewer to report a bill to the House providing for the appointment of a Commission of 10 members to investigate the subject, to serve without pay, and to be selected irrespective of their views upon the liquor traffic bill; also appropriating \$10,000 for expenses of the Commission.

A meeting of the National Democratic Committee has been called for Monday, February 23, at Washington, for the purpose of fixing the time and place of holding the next Democratic National Convention.

The House Inter-State Commerce Committee, by a vote of 9 to 6, adopted Representative Henderson's bill, with amendments, as a substitute for that of Mr. Reagan. The bill provides for a Board of Commissioners, with powers similar to those proposed by the "Charles Francis Adams plan," their jurisdiction extending over the transportation of all property from one State or Territory into or through other States or Territories, whether such property be carried by one railroad or several railroads. All discriminations and rebates in freight are forbidden by the bill.

The Senate Sub-committee on Territories have reported to the full Committee a measure providing for the organization of a territorial form of government in the Indian Territory.

A "John Sherman Club" has been organized in New York City, for the purpose of furthering Mr. Sherman's Presidential prospects.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean, by authority of the Hon. E. B. Washburne, announces that he is not a candidate for the Presidency, but is "for Gen. Grant first, last, and all the time."

The House Committee on Elections, in the case of Curtin vs. Tamm, Twentieth District of Pennsylvania, will report in favor of sending the matter back to the people of the district for a new election.

A Tucson (Nev.) dispatch says that Captain Rucker, of the Ninth Cavalry, commanding one of the columns pursuing the hostile Indians, had been routed by the latter and forced to retreat, with the loss of several men and horses and all his rations.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

At Londonderry, N. H., on the 7th, Mrs. Sarah Dillingham, aged 37, wife of E. N. Dillingham, a respectable farmer, was horribly murdered by Frank Dillingham, aged 23, a nephew of the husband. The latter attempted to commit suicide, but it was thought would survive. There is no doubt the murder was committed to conceal another crime, equally atrocious. The young man says he shot his aunt accidentally, while cleaning his revolver, but does not undertake to explain other circumstances.

At Las Vegas, N. Mex., on the 9th, Jim West, John Dorsey and Tom Henry, implicated in the shooting of Carson, City Marshal, two weeks previously, were dragged from their cells by a mob of 75 armed men, who broke into the jailer's room and forced him to give up the keys. The three men were dragged to the Central Plaza, where West was hauled up and strangled. The impatient mob then began firing, and in a short time Dorsey and Henry were riddled with bullets. There was no resistance to the mob.

Brevet Major-General Sykes, Colonel Twentieth U. S. Infantry, for some years past commanding the District of the Rio Grande, died recently at Brownsville, Tex. The City Hall at Albany, N. Y., was burned on the morning of the 10th, together with a large number of records and other valuable papers. Seven firemen were crushed by the falling dome, one of whom died within a short time, and two or three others were thought to be fatally injured. Two men were killed and three others probably fatally injured by an explosion in the Canada Paper Company's Mill at Windsor, Quebec, on the 10th.

Talbot's Block, corner of Market and Pennsylvania Streets, Indianapolis, was partially destroyed by fire on the morning of the 10th. The Indiana Medical College and the Knights of Pythias Hall were completely destroyed.

A later report from Dublin says one woman and seven men were killed, and 13 women and firemen seriously injured by the burning of the Theater Royal.

Capt. Ashley Brown, Cashier of the Internal Revenue Office at Dayton, O., is a defaulter to the amount of \$10,000 or over, and has fled the country.

James W. Clayton, for 14 years Clerk in the House of Representatives, and for two years past occupying the same position in the United States Senate, died at Baltimore on the 8th.

At Peoria, Ill., on the 10th, Luther B. McKinney twice shot and almost instantly killed his wife's step-father, Jacob Frye, a well known cattle dealer. Mrs. McKinney was prosecuting a suit for divorce, on the grounds of ill treatment, and Mr. Frye had warmly espoused her case, which brought upon him the enmity of McKinney. The shooting took place in the street and was without any immediate provocation. After McKinney had twice fired, Frye drew his revolver and got in two shots in return, but without effect. The murderer was arrested.

Mardi Gras was publicly celebrated, with more or less display, at New Orleans, Mobile, Galveston, Little Rock, and many other cities and towns of the South and West.

The California State Normal School building at San Jose burned to the ground on the morning of the 10th. It cost \$500,000 and was insured for \$50,000.

Andrew Smith, for 12 years Treasurer of the town of North Andover, Mass., is in jail, having confessed to misappropriating funds. The amount of the defalcation is not known. Smith was also Postmaster of the town since the second administration of President Lincoln, and has filled various important trusts.

F. H. Mason, who has been nominated by President Hayes as Consul at Basel, Switzerland, has for 12 years past been managing editor of the Cleveland Leader.

Burglars visited Westport, Conn., on the night of the 10th, gagged the village watchman, carried him to the National Bank, the doors of which they forced, and locked him in a closet. They then blew open the door of the vault, but the explosion was so violent that the plate-glass front of the bank was blown into the street. The villagers were aroused and the burglars fled with \$3,500 cash.

The President has nominated Geo. Baldry for Register of the Land-office at New Orleans; Wm. M. Burwell, Receiver of Public Money, New Orleans; Charles G. Belknap, Indian Agent, Texas River Agency, California; Wm. Whiting, Illinois, Indian Agent at Ponca Agency, Indian Territory.

President Hayes has, with the approval of the Cabinet, directed that Major Reno, recently court-martialed and sentenced to death, be permitted to resign his commission in the Army.

Gen. Grant and party sailed from Havana for Vera Cruz on the 13th.

A company of the Tenth Cavalry recently had a sharp brush near Fort Keogh, Mont., with a party of Sioux Indians, supposed to belong to Sitting Bull's band. One soldier was killed and one wounded, and two Indians were killed and three taken prisoners.

Douglas & Stewart's new elevator building, near Dearborn and State Streets, Chicago, was completely wrecked on the morning of the 12th, by the heavy weight of grain contained in it, about 125,000 bushels of wheat. The loss is estimated at from \$150,000 to \$175,000.

S. S. Brummett, editor of the Enterprise, was shot and fatally wounded by G. W. Carlton, editor of the Telegraph, at Hollister, Cal., on the 10th.

Nashville, Tenn., was visited by a terrific hurricane about midnight on the 12th. The spires of the First Colored Baptist, St. John's, Colored, and St. Paul's Colored churches were blown down; the inside brick wall of the new Custom-house was demolished, and a number of buildings unroofed.

It is said that an entire family of nine women and children, whose house stood upon the bank of Mayfield Creek, near Mayfield, Ky., were drowned during a freshet on the night of the 12th. The house was washed away.

The Empire Store Warehouse, 136-204 South Market Street, Chicago, burned on the night of the 10th, with all its valuable contents, consisting of liquors, dry-goods, fruits, etc., valued at \$472,000, most of which was covered by insurance.

Rev. Andrew Anderson, for ten years past pastor of Swedish Lutheran Churches at Berlin and Sweden, Henry County, Ill., hung himself at Rock Island on the 14th, while temporarily insane.

At Syracuse, N. Y., on the night of the 13th, Amanda Mantz shot and killed her cousin and lover, Julius C. Mantz, a well known musician, and then committed suicide. The parties had maintained a illicit relationship for some years, and the shooting was in consequence of the man's refusal to marry the woman whom he had ruined.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

FEB. 9.—Senate.—Resolutions of the Louisiana Legislature, declaring that Kellogg was a traitor, and that Spoford was a traitor, were read and referred. After the introduction of a number of reports, memorials, etc., the Senate adjourned.

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Bureau New Yorker.

SOUTHERN GLEANINGS.

Mrs. O'Flaherty and her son were returning home along the railroad track from Falmouth, Ky., both, as supposed, somewhat under the influence of liquor. A train coming around a sharp curve struck the mother, throwing her beneath the wheels and severing her body above the hips. She was a thrifty Irish woman and owed a nice farm.

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"That depends on what you're buyin'. Grease is grease, and butter is butter. If you want grease I can sell for less; but if you want to lay in the best grade, the gilt-edged, the gold-leaf, as it were, Nipper butter—that'll keep, mind you; ye might go further and lay worse. Let me tell ye

that butter is on the rise; the town is cleared out, and then New York chaps are out lookin' up round lots. That means a foreign demand, and great scarcity, sir—great scarcity."

Bureau New Yorker.

Mrs. O'Flaherty and her son were returning home along the railroad track from Falmouth, Ky., both, as supposed, somewhat under the influence of liquor. A train coming around a sharp curve struck the mother, throwing her beneath the wheels and severing her body above the hips. She was a thrifty Irish woman and owed a nice farm.

At Atlanta, Ga., on the 6th, Mrs. Dodder,